IDC's PaaS: Cloud App Platforms and Developer Services leverages a combination of demand-side research with unparalleled market modeling expertise to identify the evolving needs of buyers as they implement products and services needed to accelerate application development and deployment to PaaS environments that may be on-premises, in the cloud, or multicloud — spanning diverse environments. This program also helps vendors with market and product planning, aligning their products with both developer and customer needs and gaining a competitive understanding of what services are being implemented and what factors into buying decisions. It also provides insights into market adoption, vendor positioning, and technology advances toward highly dynamic cloud-based service-centric computing environments for planning, developing, deploying, testing, and maintaining applications.

Markets and Subjects Analyzed
- Platform-as-a-service (PaaS) market size, share, forecast, segmentation (region and major market segments), and analysis
- Cloud app platform and supporting components used by developers including integration, data, dev services, and life-cycle services
- User requirements and usage patterns for evolving on-premises, public, and multicloud application platforms and PaaS
- In-depth evaluation of vendor business models, architectures, and product and service offering capabilities
- User demand, requirements, and issues surrounding cloud-based testing, security, and application development and deployment
- Architectural technologies including composite applications, container orchestration, microservices, event-based systems, DevOps, and function-driven technologies
- More dev services: Cognitive computing, Internet of Things, and functions
- Open developer platforms that speed up the process of development to delivery and deployment of applications

Core Research
- Case studies with in-depth looks at buyer decisions and implementation strengths and challenges
- Worldwide platform as a service market shares
- Worldwide platform as a service forecast
- IDC MarketScape for PaaS and IDC MaturityScape for PaaS
- IDC TechScape for PaaS
- Worldwide cloud application platforms market shares
- Worldwide cloud application platforms forecast
- Worldwide PaaS cloud data services forecast
- Worldwide PaaS cloud integration services forecast
- IDC MarketScape: Platform as a service vendor assessment
- Vendor profiles and risk assessments
- Buyer pattern research and analysis

Key Questions Answered
1. What are customers looking for when they make application platform versus PaaS purchasing decisions?
2. How is PaaS technology evolving as the market evolves, and what are the milestone levels of market maturity?
3. How will on-demand services platforms disrupt development and deployment decisions, and how are key vendors positioned?
4. What are the architectural needs for on-demand service platforms, and how do leading platform vendors compare?
5. How are the first-party PaaS market and the third-party PaaS markets evolving and competing with one another?
6. What acquisitions are changing the PaaS market, and how is that change in trajectory likely to affect customer adoption long term?

Companies Analyzed
This service reviews the strategies, market positioning, and future direction of several providers in the PaaS market, including: